

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01523-TSC**

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
 SECURITY

Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/26/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/26/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5556205) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: #

		<u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
06/26/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsth) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
07/09/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua L. Rogers on behalf of All Defendants (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/3/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/05/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/5/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/4/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Lynn Schafer on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
08/03/2018	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 08/03/2018)
08/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues and that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order no later than 9/14/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/13/18. (DJS) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/14/2018. (tb) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
10/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>10</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by October 26, 2018. The report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/18/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/26/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/22/2018)
10/26/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by 12/20/18 and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose a briefing schedule, the report shall include a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/29/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/29/2018)

10/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
12/14/2018	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
12/16/2018		MINUTE ORDER : Granting <u>12</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a Joint Report by January 4, 2019, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose a production schedule and/or briefing schedule, the status report shall include a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/16/18. (DJS) (Entered: 12/16/2018)
12/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/4/2019. (tb) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>13</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>All Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>13</u> Motion to Stay. All deadlines are hereby STAYED. Defendant's counsel shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Justice Department, and it is further ordered, that all current deadlines for the parties shall be extended commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/27/18. (DJS) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
02/28/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to BUZZFEED INC.. Attorney Matthew Lynn Schafer terminated. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/13/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 03/13/2019)
03/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER LIFTING STAY: Effective 1/28/19. The parties shall file a joint status report by May 13, 2019. To the extent the report contains a proposed production or briefing schedule, the report shall include a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 3/14/19. (DJS) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>16</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
07/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall file a joint status report by 7/12/19 and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the report contains a proposed briefing or production schedule, the report shall include a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/2/19. (DJS) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2019. (tb) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
09/10/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/10/2019)